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World Stars

GET HYPED FOR THE SUPER POPULAR COMEDY!!

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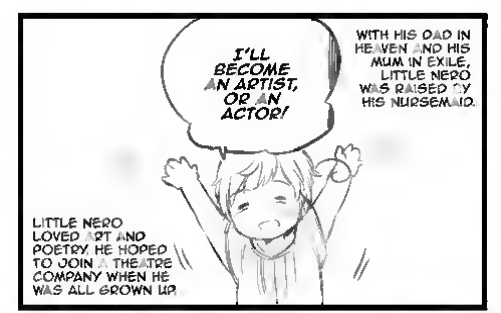

I'LL BECOME AN ARTIST, OR AN ACTOR!
WITH HIS DAD IN HEAVEN AND HIS MUM IN EXILE, LITTLE NERO WAS RAISED BY HIS NURSEMAID.
LITTLE NERO LOVED ART AND POETRY. HE HOPED TO JOIN A THEATRE COMPANY WHEN HE WAS ALL GROWN UP.

HIS MUM BULLIED HIM RUTHLESSLY INTO STRIVING FOR A TOP POSITION IN THE COUNTRY
I'M SORRY!
STOP THIS INSTANT WITH THOSE CORRUPTED GREEK THOUGHTS!
WHAM
ROMAN MEN AIM FOR THE BEST!
WHEN HE STARTED LIVING WITH HIS MUM, HAPPINESS BECAME A THING OF THE PAST—

ALL HAIL EMPEROR NERO!
All hail the emperor!
AND AT 17, HE ACTUALLY BECAME AN EMPEROR.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO USE THIS KIND OF LANGUAGE IN REAL LIFE...
WE KINDLY GRANT YOU A REWARD...
AND SO, EVEN THOUGH THE BOY WHO NEVER WANTED TO BE AN EMPEROR BECAME ONE...
THANKS TO THE SUPPORT HE RECEIVED, HE ENDED UP DOING HIS JOB PRETTY WELL.

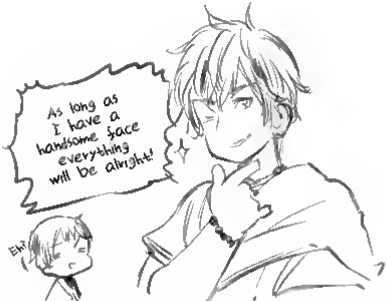
[EMPEROR]

ONE OF THE DIFFICULT JOBS THAT SOUNDS MUCH BETTER IN THEORY THAN IN PRACTICE.

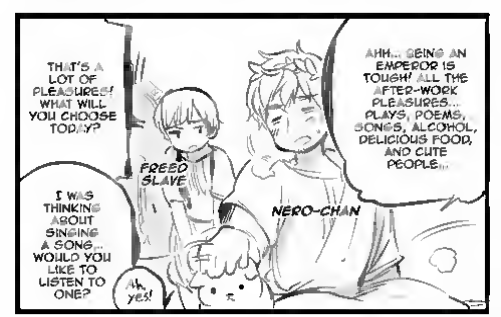
ROMAN EMPERORS WERE MUCH CLOSER TO THE CITIZENS THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT, AND THOSE WHO THOUGHT "YEP, NOW THAT I HAVE THE POWER AND COLLECT TAXES FROM MY PEOPLE, I CAN JUST LAY BACK AND LEAD A RELAXED LIFE," WOULD FACE SERIOUS DANGER OF ENDING UP FLOATING IN THE TIBER RIVER. IT'S AN OCCUPATION THAT REALLY REQUIRED REEVALUATING WHAT POWER ACTUALLY MEANT.

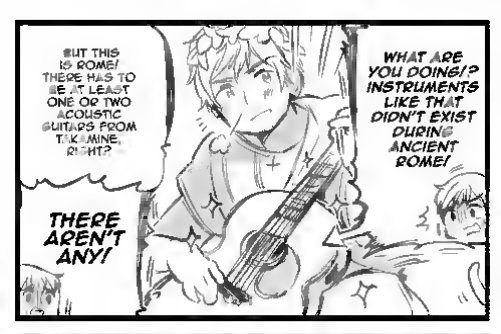
NO MATTER HOW GOOD AN EMPEROR WAS AT POLITICS, IF HIS PERSONALITY WAS TOO GLOOMY, IF HE WASN'T HANDSOME OR GENEROUS ENOUGH, IF HE WASN'T GOOD AT SPEECHES OR IF HE WAS JUST GENERALLY PLAIN, HE WOULD BE TREATED AS A BAD EMPEROR!

IF THEY WERE GENEROUS, SOCIABLE, GOOD-LOOKING AND CONFIDENT, THE PRESSURE WAS A LITTLE BIT LESS

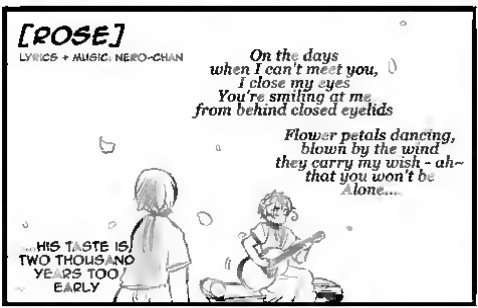


Well even with a handsome face, if he's rubbish for several years he'll be heading to the Tiber


AHH... BEING AN EMPEROR IS TOUGH! ALL THE AFTER-WORK PLEASURES... PLAYS, POEMS, SONGS, ALCOHOL, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND CUTE PEOPLE...
NERO-CHAN
THAT'S A LOT OF PLEASURES! WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE TODAY?
FREED SLAVE
I WAS THINKING ABOUT SINGING A SONG... WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO ONE?
AH, YES!

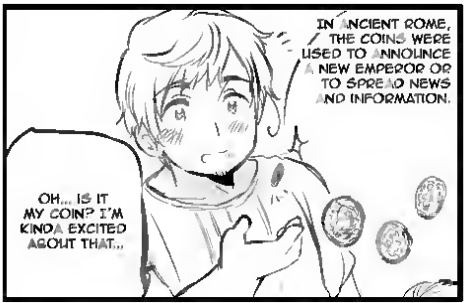

BUT THIS IS ROME! THERE HAS TO BE...AT LEAST ONE OR TWO ACOUSTIC GUITARS FROM TAKAMINE, RIGHT?
THERE AREN'T ANY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? INSTRUMENTS LIKE THAT DIDN'T EXIST DURING ANCIENT ROME!

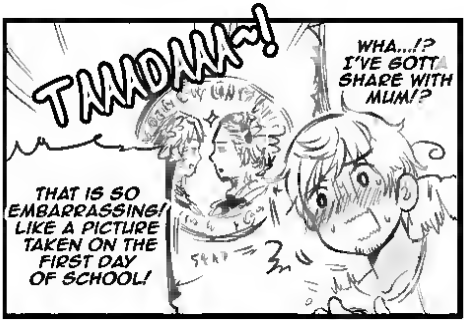
NOW, LISTEN TO [ROSE]
SUCH SILLY DETAILS ARE MEANINGLESS IN THE FACE OF ART


[ROSE]
LYRICS + MUSIC: NEIRO-CHAN
On the days
when I can't meet you,
I close my eyes
You're smiling at me
from behind closed eyelids
Flower petals dancing,
blown by the wind
they carry my wish - ah~
that you won't be
Alone...
...HIS TASTE IS TWO THOUSAND YEARS TOO EARLY

DTM = DESKTOP MUSIC

YOU CAN, BUT THEN YOUR MUMMY WILL CRITICISE YOU UNTIL YOU CRY
THE IMPERIAL GREETINGS ARE WAY TOO FORMAL... CAN'T I GREET PEOPLE WITH POEMS?
THAT ASIDE, HERE ARE THE NEW COINS


IN ANCIENT ROME, THE COINS WERE USED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW EMPEROR OR TO SPREAD NEWS AND INFORMATION.
OH... IS IT MY COIN? I'M KINDA EXCITED ABOUT THAT...


TWIDDM~!
WHA...!? I'VE GOTT SHARE WITH MUM!?
THAT IS SO EMBARRASSING! LIKE A PICTURE TAKEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

ISN'T IT JUST SPLENDID? ALTHOUGH, THAT CHUBBY KID SPOILS THE DESIGN A BIT...
MUM, THAT'S YOUR SON YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

ROMAN COINS WORKED AS BOTH A CURRENCY AND AS A WAY TO SPREAD NEWS AMONGST THE PEOPLE. THE NEW EMPEROR NEEDED TO BE KNOWN IN ALL PARTS OF THE EMPIRE, WHICH IS WHY THE COINS WERE SO HANDY. THEY ARE VERY INTERESTING ITEMS AS THEY PORTRAY THE UNIQUE PERSONALITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL EMPEROR.

HOWEVER, NERO'S FIRST COINS FEATURED HIM TOGETHER WITH HIS MOTHER - INTERESTINGLY, AGRIPPINA ALSO TOOK UP THE SPACE AT THE BACK SIDE OF COINS MINTED FOR HER HUSBAND, THE PREVIOUS EMPEROR CLAUDIUS. THAT ALONE SHOWS WHAT AN AMAZING WOMAN SHE WAS.

Claudius made a coin for young Nero. Did his bride push him into that?

WE'RE STRONG! LET'S WIN AGAINST A LOT OF PEOPLE!
HERCVLI ROMANO DACICO
THE COIN OF EMPEROR COMMODUS, WITH A LIST OF HIS WEAPONS, IS CUTE TOO!